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RE: New Non-Provisional Application

TITLE: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION OF A MIXTURE OF GLUCOSE AND PENTOSES

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Attorney Docket No.: US-164

Sir:

I. Enclosures:

I enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application:

- 1.
- a. A specification containing:
 - (i) 21 pages of description;
 - (ii) 1 pages of claims (Claims 1-13); and
 - (iii) 1 page of Abstract.
- b. $\underline{1}$ sheet(s) of drawings (Figures $\underline{1}$).
- 2. The Basic Filing Fee of \$ 770.00 \square will follow \boxtimes is enclosed, paid by
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- 3. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
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- 4. Other:
- 5. Two (2) return postcards.

II. Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

A claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is made to application no. 2003105269, filed in Russia on February 26, 2003.

III. Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Applicants respectfully await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and Power of Attorney and/or the filing fee.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached post cards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other prepaid postcard be stamped with the filing date and unofficial serial number and returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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